## 109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 223

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 4, 2005

Mr. Stearns introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Deficit Accountability
- 5 Act of 2005".
- 6 SEC. 2. EFFECT OF A BUDGET DEFICIT.
- 7 Section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
- 8 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended—

| 1  | (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking "Subject to         |
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| 2  | subparagraph (B)," and inserting "Subject to sub-        |
| 3  | paragraph (B) and paragraph (3),"; and                   |
| 4  | (2) by adding at the end the following:                  |
| 5  | "(3) An adjustment under paragraph (2) otherwise         |
| 6  | scheduled to take effect in a calendar year shall not be |
| 7  | made if, as determined by the Office of Management and   |
| 8  | Budget, there was a deficit (as defined by section 3 of  |
| 9  | the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act     |
| 10 | of 1974) in the preceding fiscal year.".                 |

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